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CIA Responsibilities Pertaining to Export of Critical and Strategic Materials and Equipment

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1. At the instigation of [redacted] CIA member of the Interdepartmental Advisory Committee on Export Control, this Office arranged for a meeting of CIA representatives to discuss intelligence recommendations pertaining to control mechanisms and the means of determining the capabilities, quantities and kinds of special equipment exported to foreign countries.

2. After detailed discussion of the problem, which focused particular attention to deep culture penicillin equipment, the following conclusions were reached:

a. that CIA's responsibilities in connection with subject problem were to present to the Advisory Committee all information necessary to permit the Committee to make suitable recommendations regarding export control;

b. that such export control devices would merely constitute at best a delaying action rather than successfully preventing such equipment from reaching foreign and potentially hostile nations;

c. that, in view of the foregoing, the following measures were worthy of consideration in order to cope with all aspects of this problem

- (1) an approach should be made to the manufacturers of such equipment to enlist their cooperation in preventing as far as possible its export to designated foreign countries,
- (2) appropriate export controls similar to those developed by the Atomic Energy Commission should be set up for such material,
- (3) a procedure be devised to insure that CIA would have precise and explicit information on the type and capabilities of U.S. produced equipment shipped to foreign areas, including information pertaining to its trans-shipment and ultimate destination,

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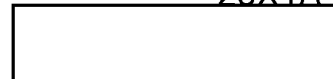
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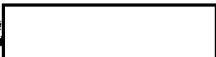
(6) all measures should be taken to press for international agreement with certain foreign countries not to permit trans-shipment of certain equipment to designated Third Powers and that denial of economic aid to such countries might be utilized in securing such agreements.

8. In view of the foregoing, CIA representatives on the Advisory Committee will prepare their recommendations in accordance with the conclusions reached, subject to approval in principle by the Assistant Director, Office of Reports and Estimates

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